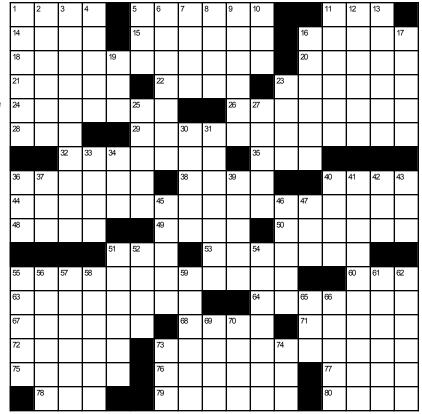
New Year's Eve 2012: A Nation on the Brink by George Barany, Michael Hanko, and Paul Luftig

ACROSS

- 1. Treated a sprain, maybe
- Leaf-munching Australians
- 11. NE for SW
- 14. Post-It, e.g.
- 15. Type of kick, on the gridiron
- 16. Blue dyes
- 18. Speaker to whom nobody listened in December 2012
- 20. Do some exterminating
- 21. Soul Coughing album with a Spanish title and a bear on the cover
- 22. Lively folk dance
- 23. Hub in the Andes
- 24. Feature of 18-Across's surname
- 26. Female hormone
- 28. "A ___ cara," Bellini aria for a 75-Across
- 29. Option favored by 18-Across
- 32. Rochester beer or the river along which it is brewed
- 35. Switch positions
- 36. At the tip
- 38. Saag ____ (curried spinach and potatoes)
- 40. Withered
- 44. The United States is facing this in the waning days of 2012
- 48. Stephens's boss on "Bewitched"
- 49. "How ____ Your Mother"
- 50. Kingdom whence came Henry VIII's first wife, Catherine
- 51. Court ruling?
- 53. In 2012, it displaced "Citizen Kane" at the top of critics' poll of greatest films of all time
- 55. Option favored by 73-Across
- 60. A.T.M. maker
- 63. Latin-American pastry



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- 64. Faith Hill charttopper of 1999
- 67. Snacks for ladybugs
- 68. Bank opener?
- 71. Single-masted sailing vessel
- 72. In the ballpark
- 73. Hawaiian holidayer in December 2012
- 75. See 28-Across
- 76. Digital counterpart
- 77. Govt. org. with an eagle as its logo
- 78. Stimpy's cartoon pal
- 79. Bud vessels
- 80. ___ Helens: Abbr.

DOWN

- 1. For laughs
- 2. Asian slave
- 3. Jane Goodall is one
- 4. Crowded
- 5. Kitchy-
- 6. Burdensome

- 7. ESPN's Award for Courage is named for him
- 8. Come-on
- 9. Astaire and Hugo
- 10. To be in Belize
- 11. Basis of monotheism
- 12. Polish version of 63-Across
- This often got smeared by clumsy applications of Wite-Out
- 16. Decorates
- 17. What the bees did to me when I brang my honeypot to the hive?
- 19. Word said once in France to mean "good" or twice in the U.S. to mean "goodie"
- 23. Vitamin or bomber
- 25. Immune response orchestrator
- 27. Light parody
- 30. Royal sphere

- 31. Subscribe to
- 33. "___ Homo,"
 Spanish fresco
 infamously
 botched by an
 amateur
 restoration
- 34. Monogram of astronaut who made "one giant leap for mankind"
- 36. Toward the rear
- 37. Singer Zadora
- 39. Frequently
- 40. Hose problem
- 41. Breakfast order
- 42. Old Olds
- 43. East ender?
- 45. Named
- 46. Misanthrope
- 47. Younger brother of Zeke and Rahm
- 51. Shylock, for one, which would have peeved Polonius
- 52. Ballpark figures?
- 54. Caesar crossed it
- 55. Respond to stimulus

- 56. More than enough?
- 57. Time's 2007
 "Invention of the Year"
- 58. Printemps, par exemple
- 59. Like lots of lots
- 61. Sinks one's teeth into
- 62. Meal
- 65. "___ Beso"
- 66. Format destined for extinction in the age of digital downloads
- 69. "Dies ____"

 (powerful section of Verdi's
 "Requiem")
- 70. Anklebones
- 73. What Eng. majors pursue
- 74. Metric wts.